

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice to or waiver of its subject matter.

1. (Original) An image fixing apparatus comprising:

a first rotatable member for being heated by a first heater;

a first temperature detecting element for detecting a temperature of said first rotatable member;

first control means for controlling electric energy supply through said first heater so as to maintain a detected temperature of said first temperature detecting element at a first target temperature;

a second rotatable member for being heated by said second heater, said second rotatable member constituting a fixing nip with said first rotatable member;

a second temperature detecting element for detecting a temperature of said second rotatable member;

a second control means for controlling electric energy supply to said second heater so as to maintain the detected temperature of said second temperature detecting element at a second target temperature; and

phase control means for controlling electric energy supply phase so as to avoid overlapping of a phase of an electric power supply to said first heater and a phase of an electric power supply to said second heater.

Claim 2 is cancelled herein.